**BE THOU MY VISION**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,

waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, Thou my true Word;

I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;

Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight,

be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,

Thou my soul’s shelter, Thou my high tower:

raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,

Thou mine inheritance, now and always:

Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,

High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, after victory won,

may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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*I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.* ***Psalm 119:10-11***

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# GLENELG AND INVERINATE

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Sunday 8th October 2023**

**Services at 12.00 noon in Inverinate Hall**

 **and**

**6.00pm in Glenelg Church of Scotland**

**We warmly welcome you to this service of worship and would love you to join us for tea, coffee and refreshments following**

*Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord: Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.* **Habakkuk 3:2**

**NOTICES**

* **Today’s Services:** We are delighted to welcome our Interim Moderator Reverend Gordon Martin to lead us in worship at the 12.00 noon Inverinate service, which is also the Elder Induction Service for Finlay Macdonald. Reverend Martin has been Minister at Urray and Strathconan in Muir of Ord since 2007. For the 6.00pm service in Glenelg we will be watching Part 6 of our *‘Following Jesus’* series from Smithton Free Church. The Evening Service will be followed as usual by our weekly Prayer Meeting. If you are unable to join us and have prayer requests, then please let Ken know.
* **Sunday School:** There will be no Sunday School for the next three weeks during the October Holidays, but there will be a creche for the little ones.
* **Praise:**

Sing Psalms 27:1-5 (page 31) – *The Lord’s my saviour and my light*

Sing Psalms 1(a):1-6 (page 1) – *Blessed is the one who turns away*

Sing Psalms 11:1-7 (page 13) – *I find my refuge in the Lord*

Hymn (see back page) – *Be Thou my vision*

* **Wednesday Evening Bible Studies:** Our Dornie group will meet this coming Wednesday at 7.30pm at Vivienne and Colin MacKenzie’s home and are continuing their study through Luke’s Gospel. All are warmly welcome. The Glenelg group are taking a break for a couple of weeks and will restart on Wednesday 25th October.
* **Next Sunday 15th October:** Rev. Thomson Mackenzie will lead us in worship in both the Inverinate and Glenelg services.
* **Edict for the Congregation:** At Inverinate on the 20th August 2023, the Kirk Session of the Free Church Congregation of Glenelg and Inverinate having appointed an election of Elders to take place and the Congregation, after due intimation, having made choice of Mr Finlay Macdonald as Elder and the Session having judged the aforementioned Mr Finlay Macdonald as duly qualified for the respective office and the said Mr Finlay Macdonald having intimated his acceptance of the office, the Kirk Session did appoint the Ordination and Induction of Mr Finlay Macdonald to the office of the eldership to take place on Sunday the 8th October 2023. It is accordingly hereby intimated, that is any member of the Congregation have objections to the life or doctrine of the said Mr Finlay Macdonald they will have an opportunity to do so at a meeting of the Kirk Session before the noon service to be held on the 8th day of October 2023.
* **Online Studies:** Our Men’s Online Study Group are starting a new *‘Bible Read Through’* study on Jushua, Judges and Ruth called ‘*The Rise of the Judges*.’ If you would like to join us please speak to Colin. Our Ladies Study Group are beginning a new study on 2 Peter, called ‘*Faith in a sceptical world.’* Please speak to Moira or Barbara to join. Great time to join either group!
* **Strength from Weakness – Growing through suffering:** If you found the *Healing for Hurting* course helpful you might like to join this second course on Saturday 28th October and 11th November 9.30-4.00pm (with an optional third day on 20th January in Kyle Free Church and presented by Mrs Sarah Wright from Gairloch. The course will help you:
* Grow through your suffering and become more resilient so you are better prepared to face suffering in the future. Explore more layers of your trauma and pain and experience deeper layers of healing. Gain skills to connect with others in healthier ways so that the underlying causes of trauma are addressed. Find and fulfil your purpose in life. This may include advocating for justice for those who are suffering from oppression. All these things work together to increase resilience.
* **New Free Church ‘What’s On’ Guide:** The Free Church have launched an easy-to-use What’s On guide for you to see the variety of events that are being held by the Free Church throughout the year. To see what’s happening across the wider church in 2023 visit the Free Church website.
* **Praying For One Another:** We urge you to pray for Christians at home and in countries far and wide. Please pray for:

**Thurso and North Coast:** Give thanks for rekindled and newly formed relationships with local primary schools, with lunchtime SU groups starting in Halkirk and Melvich and for increased engagement with high school aged young people on the Lord’s Day and through a regular ‘Connect’ group.

**Libya:** Pray for Libya as it recovers from great flooding. Pray that rebuilding work would commence and that those in need of aid will receive it. Pray the Lord will bring comfort and healing and that many would know and draw near to Him.

**Haddington:** Give thanks for being granted Fully Sanctioned Charge status and pray for the practicalities of working that out in the life of the church moving forward.

**Board of Ministry:** Pray for the Board of Ministry as they meet on Tuesday. Pray for wisdom and guidance and give thanks for the work they do to serve the wider denomination.